

make a home in this settlement. He lived during the winter in the house Mr. Mumford had built.

Mr. Dix also returned in the spring of this year, and occupied the log-house which he had built the previous summer. He brought with him a family of eight children. He had formerly been a man of some wealth, but had lost most of it by the depreciation of Continental money. He came into this new county to retrieve his loss, and provide a future home for his family. The second winter, therefore, found four families here, besides Mr. Kollogg, to share each other's wants and trials, and form a society for social and religious enjoyment.

1793. As the spring opened, Mr. Jirah Mumford returned with his family, consisting of four children. He occupied the house he had built the previous summer. Mr. Stearns, who had lived in it during the winter, removed to Mr. Elijah Dix's house. He (Mr. Stearns) had purchased the farm now owned by Mr. Noah Chittenden. During the summer he built his house nearly opposite Mr. Asa Smith's residence.

Mr. Joseph Tanner also moved into the settlement this spring, from Preston, Connecticut. He had but one child. His purchase included a greater part of this village, but lying mostly north of it. He built his house nearly half a mile north of this village, by the side of a large spring; where the main road east and west, *now* running through *this* village, was originally constructed.

We also notice a Mr. Amasa Geer, as a settler this

year. He built a house by a noted spring, as you descend the hill westward, on land now owned by Mr. T. H. Brown. Mr. Jacobus Barrager also moved into the settlement this year. These two individuals, however, remained but a few years.

During the last week in May of this year, a young man not twenty years old entered this settlement, from the West. He had a small bundle which he carried in one hand, and with the other he used a staff. He was weary, penniless and alone. He had left his home in New England, on the sixth of the same month, with \$11 75 in his pocket, to become acquainted with the resources of the vast territories of our country then unoccupied. He had started out on life's errand with a determination to construct his own fortune, and establish his own character. Nature had endowed him with an active, well-balanced mind, and a vigorous constitution. He had early been taught, and heartily received the great moral and religious principles which constitute the best foundation for success. He had a fixed and unalterable purpose in carrying them out in the duties and conflicts of life. His name was Jason Torrey. He had come from Williamstown, Massachusetts, his native place, on foot. He had crossed the Hudson near Kinderhook, passed through Harpersfield, in Delaware County, and reached the Susquehanna, near Unadilla. He followed this river down to Great Bend, and from thence to this place. Arriving here, he stopped at the house of Mr. Elijah Dix, with whom he had previously been acquainted. In June 27, we find him at work with his